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For: OPTICAL FIBER SENSOR HAVING A SOL-GEL FIBER CORE AND  
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SIR:

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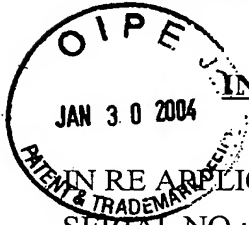
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Applicant respectfully inquires as to the status of the above-referenced patent application which was filed January 17, 2002. An Information Disclosure Statement filed August 26, 2003, is the last known correspondence to date.

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